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Dora Hall to Fanny Bracher, 18 August 1880

Mandurah

Augst 18th/80

My dear Fanny

I am really quite ashamed of having been so long *promising* to write but you must not think I have forgotten you, I really had written to you some time since but by some mistake the letter was not posted I found it amongst some papers today. As the contents were not particularly interesting I will not send it so long after it was written.

I am still staying with some kind friends at Mandurah.

There are railways commenced at Perth and so many strangers there, they tell me it is difficult to find any suitable accommodation for me and Leslie but they say if I go to Perth I may perhaps hear of some place so I have decided to board at Mrs Lazenby's, I am to have two small rooms there at a very moderate charge, but the rooms are so very small I fear I cannot remain there permanently.

The weather being very unfavourable I cannot get my things away by the boat so I do not know when I shall be able to start for Perth. I do not like the sea so I shall travel by land myself.

I will write to you when I am settled in Perth when I hope I may have something more interesting to write about than I have now.

I fear I shall miss the pure sea air still I believe I require a change and Leslie ought to be at school.

I have not told you that I have sold my property here, but I do not get the money at once, it is to be paid to me by degrees through a period of eight years. I wrote to your dear Mama telling her about it more than a month ago.

I suppose you have been duly informed of the marriage of two of your cousins & that Ed & G Hester are going to the NW Coast. They have

taken some sheep on shares they are accustomed to the charge of sheep so I suppose they will be likely to do well.

Believe me, dear Fanny

Most sincerely yours

Dora A Hall

It was a year on the 9th inst since your dear Uncle breathed his last.